

## THE G. A. R. ENCAMPMENT.

A New Deal Secured in the Election of All Officials.

### SCHOOL HISTORY CONDEMNED.

Junction City, Kas., June 10.—The election of officers of the Kansas Grand Army seems to have been in the nature of a contest between the ex-officers and the ex-privates and the privates won the battle all along the line. A. W. Smith headed the list of candidates put out by the officers and Martin Nation that of the privates' ticket, for the place of department commander, and Nation was chosen. With him, on the same ticket, the following were elected: Senior vice commander, Major J. B. Remington, Osawatomie; junior vice commander, B. F. Pealer, Salina; chaplain, G. L. Smith, Winfield; medical director, N. W. Hayes, Abilene.

Smith, it is universally conceded, was defeated on account of the desire for a new deal, not because there was anything against him personally.

Fort Scott was chosen for the encampment of 1902, and Hutchinson for the reunion of 1901.

The resolutions adopted by the department were tame. The plank in reference to pension commissioner reads:

"Resolved, That we, the comrades of the Kansas G. A. R., do most earnestly request the president to appoint as commissioner of pensions for the ensuing term one who will construe the laws in the spirit in which they were enacted and administer the laws according to the order and rules of evidence."

The history used in the public schools of Kansas was condemned in unmeasured terms and a committee of five was authorized to urge the text book commission to get a new one.

The department accepted an invitation from Republic county to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the monument to mark the site in Republic county where Pike raised the United States flag in 1806. This will occur July 4, and the unveiling will be held September 29, 1901.

#### Dynamite Explodes on Train.

Binghamton, N. Y., June 11.—While a freight train on the Lackawanna was taking water at Vestal, ten miles west of here, it was run into from behind by a double-header wildcat freight train. In the second car from the caboose of the stationary train was a large quantity of dynamite, which was exploded by the impact. Six men were killed and three fatally injured. Both trains were blown to atoms, but the remainder of their crews escaped with slight injuries.

Much damage was done by the concussion, most of the windows in Vestal and Union, across the river from Vestal, being shattered. Binghamton's plate glass front did not escape being broken. The shock was felt at a distance of thirty miles.

#### The Frisco Wreck.

Kansas City, June 11.—A passenger on the Frisco train which was wrecked near Severy tells a graphic story of his experience. Conductor E. A. Acres was injured internally and was not expected to live. The coach taught fire before the passengers could be removed and several people suffered from burns. The passenger mentioned was sitting opposite Mrs. W. R. Smith, of Newkirk, and her two children. He found himself under the seats with the two children on each side of him. The children were not hurt but Mrs. Smith was seriously injured and may not survive.

#### Papers to be Made Aboard Ship.

Washington, June 5.—Although every effort has been made to land the volunteers in this country before July 1, it is not now believed that it can be done with all the regiments yet to start across the Pacific. Cable instructions have been forwarded to General MacArthur to send a mustering-out officer with each regiment on the transports yet to sail, so as to have everything in readiness for their muster out on their arrival at San Francisco.

#### Alaskan Boundary Line.

New Whatcom, Wash., June 10.—The boundary commissions of the American and Canadian governments now engaged in re-locating the international line on the western slope of the Cascade mountains have completed their work through the Mount Baker mining district and find that it runs three-fifths of a mile further south than has been heretofore supposed, but all of the more valuable mines remain on American territory. Of course their work requires ratification.

#### Changes in Penitentiary.

Leavenworth, Kas., June 11.—Ed. C. Ellett of Eldorado and Mark Tully of Independence, directors of the State penitentiary at Lansing, announced that A. B. Smith of Osborne county, superintendent of the clothing department, and Captain McFarland of Lincoln county, captain of the prison guard, have resigned their positions. Lewis Herwig of Butler county has been appointed to Smith's place, while Oliver Hiatt of Lansing has been made captain of the guard.

## AFTER CREEK INDIAN LANDS.

Indians Protected by Provision for Approval of Sale in Washington.

Washington, June 11.—Captain Schoenfeldt, in charge of the Union agency of the five civilized tribes in the Indian territory, says that a large number of persons are coming in from Western states to secure possession of the lands of the Creek Indians, which are soon to be placed on the market by the Creek tribe, who have recently entered into a treaty with the government, for the opening of their lands, and who are taking their lands in severalty and disposing of the surplus. He says that the accommodations at Muskogee are too small for the enormous influx of strangers who want to purchase lands from the Indians. The majority of the strangers are from Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. The agent says the lands which the Indians will be allowed to dispose of are of first-class quality and worth on an average \$15 an acre. The Indians have in several instances offered to sell them at much below their value, and there is general expectation that a great deal of money is to be made out of these lands. He points out that speculators are overlooking the very serious fact that all sales of lands so negotiated must first be approved by the secretary of the interior, and that few, if any, contracts will be approved that do not represent a fair valuation of the lands, according to market standard.

#### The Same Old Legal Battle.

Topeka, June 11.—The Kansas Odd Fellows will have to fight the suit involving the title to the De Boissiere estate in Franklin county over again. The supreme court granted a rehearing in the case. It will be argued in November. The attorney for the order-overlooked an important matter in the first trial. Had they set up the fact that the heirs of the estate were residents of France leading lawyers say the court would have knocked out their heirs under the alien land act. This act has now been repealed.

#### Santa Fe Appointments.

Chicago, June 8.—The Santa Fe has announced the following appointments: J. W. Kendrick, third vice president, in charge of operation; W. B. Jansen, assistant to president, in charge of Chicago office and the company's coal properties; Captain A. H. Payson, assistant to the president, in charge of Northern California affairs, headquarters in San Francisco.

#### Wichita's Broken Glass.

Wichita, June 11.—All the insurance on plate glass and mirrors broken by Mrs. Nation in Wichita has been paid. The loss aggregated about \$600. This is much more than people generally thought. The insurance companies in insuring glass still put in a proviso that the policy is void against the destruction by "Carrie Nation or her confederates."

#### Rains Help Wheat.

Atchison, Kans., June 8.—Rains are reported on the Central Branch and Omaha extension of the Missouri Pacific. At Paul station a cloudburst occurred and there are eighteen inches of water in the station there. Grain reports received here show that the prospects since the rain indicate that there will be a larger wheat yield in Northern Kansas this year than last.

#### Fire at Lexington, Ky.

Lexington, Ky., June 10.—The Otis cooper shop burned and the fire communicated to other buildings so rapidly that it was feared for some time that the city would be laid in ashes. The fire was beyond control for two hours. Twenty-three houses, mostly tenements, were destroyed with their contents. Loss \$80,000.

#### Explosion Kills Eight.

Iron Mountain, Mich., June 6.—By the explosion of a quantity of powder and the suffocating fumes that followed eight men were killed in the shaft of the Chapin mine. Suddenly there was a rumble and smoke began pouring from the mouth of the shaft.

Rescuers hurried into the mine as soon as the smoke had cleared sufficiently and found the eight miners, all who had been working in that section of the shaft, lifeless. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined.

#### Supplies for Kansas Forts.

Topeka, June 10.—The government is advertising for bids for supplies for horses at army posts. According to the specifications supplies are wanted for Fort Riley and Fort Leavenworth as follows:

Fort Leavenworth—2,400,000 pounds of oats; 540,000 bran; 3,915,000 baled hay; 930,000 straw.

Fort Riley, 4,650,000 pounds of oats; 790,000 bran; 6,885,000 baled hay; 1,615,000 straw.

#### Now for Arbitration.

Washington, June 11.—The United States has again appealed to the powers to submit the present issues at Pekin over the indemnity propositions to the arbitration of The Hague tribunal. Mr. Rockhill cabled Secretary Hay for permission to make a proposition, and the secretary cabled his authority to do so. It is believed that the ministers at Pekin have become involved beyond extrication in the present issues and this proposition may be the only way out.

## AN OKLAHOMA TORNADO.

A Cyclone Crossed by a Hurricane Which Drops Tornadoes.

### LOSS OF LIFE AND PROPERTY.

Wichita, June 11.—A summing up of the dispatches which tell of the storm in Kay and Noble counties of Oklahoma would indicate that there was a cyclone with a diameter of from sixty to a hundred miles, that a hurricane swept through the middle of this territory, covering a width of from ten to twenty miles; that this straight wind generated and formed several tornadoes within a track of lesser width, some of the dispatches indicating the width of the tornado hatching course as little as three miles.

The track of the tornadoes extended through Kay county and into Noble county, starting not far south of the Kansas line, destroying the small town of Eddy, killing three persons there and injuring several; laying waste farm buildings, wheat fields in the midst of harvest between Eddy and Tonkawa, and at the last named place scattering the materials of 30 dwellings and business houses. There were no fatalities south of Eddy, though many people were more or less hurt.

A carpenter whose name is given as Caldwell, the dispatches from three points all giving his initials differently, was killed by lightning between Blackwell and Tonkawa.

Heavy falls of both hail and rain accompanied the storm over a much greater extent of territory than has here been mentioned. There are heavy losses and agents for wind and hail insurance almost immediately began to receive notices of loss from Ceres, Perry, Ponca City, Newkirk, Blackwell, Tonkawa, Billings, Deer Creek, with other claims coming in from all along the hurricane's trail.

#### They Endorse Army Post Canteen.

St. Paul, June 10.—By unanimous vote although with small attendance the American Medical Association adopted a resolution endorsing the movement for the establishment of the army post canteen. The resolution adopted is as follows: "Resolved, That this body deprecates the action of congress in abolishing the army post exchange or canteen in the interest of discipline, morality, and sanitation, recommends its reestablishment at the earliest possible date."

#### Do Not Obey the Fence Order.

Topeka, June 6.—The cattlemen have adopted different schemes of getting around the order of the interior department to tear down fences around government lands. Some tore the fences down and then put them up again. It will take an order more definite and certain or an agent with more backbone than the present agent to bring down all the fences around government land in the western section of the state.

#### Chaffee Back to Manila.

Manila, June 8.—General Chaffee and staff and two companies of the Ninth infantry arrived here on the United States transport Sumner from Tokyo. The general was received with a major general's salute. Gen. Chaffee will be Gen. MacArthur's guest at the Malacanang palace.

#### A New Memorial Day.

Topeka, June 8.—Governor Stanley issues a proclamation setting apart June 14 as Flag day. On that date the governor requests the people over the state to display flags on their houses and residences and business houses.

#### To Buck the Grain Trust.

Topeka, June 6.—There seems to be a general uprising of the farmers of the state against the so-called grain trust. From almost every section comes the report of the organization of local concerns to buck the trust. These concerns are not all offshoots of the co-operation concern organized at Salina recently. They are mostly independent of that. Within the past thirty days eight companies of this character have been granted charters by the state charter board.

#### Last Step Before Proclamation.

Washington, June 10.—Indian Agent Randall wires here all is quiet on the Kiowa reservation. Inspector Nesler, in charge of allotments has notified the secretary of the interior by wire that he had completed and mailed his final schedule. There are about 3,000 of the allotments. This is the last step before the issuance of the president's proclamation in the matter of opening the Indian lands. The proclamation has been prepared by the president, for sometime.

#### Will Take It to Supreme Court.

Topeka, June 11.—The G. A. R. department will take steps at once to test the new law compelling the appointment of old soldiers to political places. It is likely that the case from Sterling will be appealed and made a test case. There an old soldier who wanted a job under the city administration brought suit to compel his appointment. The district court held the law under which he made the demand unconstitutional, on the grounds that it is class legislation.

## EXPLORER BALDWIN STARTS.

Was Raised in Labette County, Kansas. Been North Before.

Edna, Kans., June 11.—Evelyn B. Baldwin, commander-in-chief of the Baldwin-Ziegler expedition which has for its object a search for the north pole and for traces of Andree, is soon to start for the north pole, visited his father before leaving. Young Baldwin has lived in Labette county nearly all his life, and there is a great interest here in his polar expedition in which he will represent the United States in the great international race for Polar honors with the expeditions of Russia, Germany, Italy, Norway and Canada. Mr. Baldwin will remain here for only two days.

Mr. Baldwin was the meteorologist of the Peary expedition of 1893-94, and but for the fact that there was no room for him, would have accompanied the ill-fated Andree in the latter's tragic balloon voyage. He was also with the Wellman expedition in 1898-99. The present expedition will be made by a party of about forty, including many well known scientists.

#### Cherokee High Schools.

Tablequah, I. T., June 10.—The Cherokee high schools have closed. The exercises were the occasion for a national holiday for the whole Cherokee tribe. The schools have been in successful operation since 1857, and are maintained wholly by the Cherokee treasury, the students being charged only a nominal sum for board. The female seminary has a modern building costing \$100,000. Hundreds of young Cherokee men and women have graduated with honors, and become prominent in public affairs. This year the female seminary will graduate seven young ladies whose culture would do credit to any educational institution.

#### Hurrell Law Sustained.

Topeka, June 11.—The two divisions of the supreme court, in deciding two cases, one for Ellis county and one for Allen county, the Hurrell law is sustained and in nuisance cases against jointists the direct proof of a sale is not necessary to convict. If it is shown that liquor and bar fixtures are kept at a certain place generally known as a drinking place, the proprietor can be prosecuted and convicted without further evidence. This decision was on the old law. It, in effect, sustains the new Hurrell liquor nuisance law.

#### Rival Telephone Company.

Topeka, June 6.—The Brown County Telephone company gave notice to the secretary of state that it had changed its name to the Northeastern Kansas Telephone Company and had increased its capital stock to \$50,000, fully paid up. The original company had \$20,000 and was a Brown county institution. It now proposes to establish a system all over Northeastern Kansas and compete with the Missouri and Kansas Telephone Company.

#### Kitchener's Scouts.

Pretoria, June 8.—Col. Wilson, with twenty-four of Kitchener's scouts has surprised and routed 400 Boers belonging to Byer's command, 34 miles west of Warmbaths. The Boers resisted stubbornly but finally broke and fled, leaving 37 dead, a hundred prisoners and all their wagons and supplies, including 8,000 cattle in the hands of the British. The loss of the latter was three men killed and fifteen wounded.

#### Value of State Property.

Topeka, June 6.—State Auditor George E. Cole has succeeded in compiling a statement of the value of all state property—that is, buildings and grounds and other improvements. The total value is placed at \$9,025,442. Of this \$8,376,208 is in buildings and grounds and \$749,234 is in furniture and fixtures.

#### Train Service From Liberal.

Topeka, June 5.—It is announced that on June 10 train service is to be inaugurated on the Rock Island extension from Liberal, Kansas, to Dalhart, Texas, over the first 111 miles of the line, which has been built across Beaver county, O. T., and the Panhandle. At Dalhart connection will be made with the Fort Worth & Denver. A great number of new towns have been established along the line, and its opening marks the beginning of a new era in the development of that country.

#### A Brave Sheriff.

Carrollton, Ga., June 10.—A mob of 600 white men broke into the jail here in an attempt to secure a negro named Williams. The mob was confronted by sheriff Merrill, revolver in hand. A fight ensued in which the sheriff shot and wounded two men, one of them, it is believed fatally. The mob fired on the sheriff but he was not hurt, although one bullet passed through his hat. The mob dispersed without getting the negro. Williams was to have been hanged for murder.

#### Found a Fortune.

Hartford, Ct., June 11.—Wm. Warner a New Haven drummer found a package of papers in an old trunk at his home. He stuffed it into his grip and while on a train he untied the package and found it bonds of the N. Y., New Haven and Hartford R. R. with stock in the two great express companies. Arriving in Hartford, Warner hastened to a brokerage firm, where he found he had some \$48,000 of accrued interest coming to him as well as property valued at \$250,000.

## SENATOR PLATT'S LETTER.

Had a Well Defined Purpose to Secure and Defend Independence.

### MEANING OF AMENDMENT.

Washington, June 10.—During the conference between Secretary Root and the Cuban commission the secretary wrote a letter to Senator Platt of Connecticut, who introduced the Platt amendment, asking for his views relative to intervention as mentioned in the third clause of the amendment. Senator Platt's letter was furnished to the committee confidentially by the secretary of war and was incorporated into and made a part of the acceptance of the Platt amendment by the constitutional convention. The letter, however, appeared in a Havana paper, and is now made public by the war department. Following is the text of the letter:

"I am in receipt of your letter of this date, in which you say that the members of the committee of the Cuban constitutional convention fear that the provisions relative to intervention made in the third clause of the amendment which has come to bear my name, may have the effect of preventing the independence of Cuba and in reality establish a protectorate or a suzerainty by the United States and you request that I express my views of the question raised.

"In reply I beg to state that the amendment was carefully prepared with the object of avoiding any possible idea that by the acceptance thereof the constitutional convention would thereby establish a protectorate or suzerainty, or in any manner whatsoever preclude the independence or sovereignty of Cuba; and, speaking for myself, it seems impossible that such an interpretation can be given to the clause. I believe that the amendment should be considered as a whole and it ought to be clear on reading it that its well defined purpose is to secure and safeguard Cuban independence, and set forth at once a clear idea of the friendly disposition of the United States toward the Cuban people and the express intention of their part to aid them, if necessary in the maintenance of said independence. These are my ideas and although, as you say, I cannot speak for the entire congress, my belief is that such a purpose was well understood by that body.

"Very respectfully yours,  
(Signed) "O. H. PLATT."

#### Seedling Fruit Trees.

Topeka, June 11.—Seedling trees will be snipped this year by the carload from points in Shawnee and Jefferson counties to all parts of the country. Nurserymen of these counties estimate that 90 per cent of the seedlings used by nurseries in the United States are produced here and shipped from here. The raising of seedlings is a large industry. There is a small piece of territory in southwestern Nebraska and another in southwestern Iowa where seedlings can be successfully grown, but these two places produce only a small per cent of the seedlings used in the country. Nurserymen in all parts of the country have tried to raise seedlings but because of poor soil or bad climate the industry has been abandoned everywhere except in Kansas. There are between 600 and 700 acres of seedlings grown in Shawnee county. The seedlings are used for grafting and more of this is done and more young trees are raised to marketable size in Shawnee county than in any place west of Rochester, N. Y.

#### Rivers and Harbors Committee.

Washington, June 6.—A number of members of the house committee on rivers and harbors, several of whom were accompanied by their wives, will visit Mobile and then New Orleans, where other members of the committee will join them. From there the itinerary will embrace points in Texas and California and up the Pacific coast as far as Washington. The purpose of the journey is to acquaint the committee personally with the divers harbors of this territory.

#### McKibben Goes to Philippines.

Washington, June 10.—By direction of the president, Colonel Chambers McKibben, of the Twentieth infantry, has been relieved from command of the department of Texas and ordered to resume command of his regiment in the Philippines. He will be succeeded in the command of the department of Texas by Colonel James Whelan, of the Twelfth cavalry. It is said that the change was made at the request of Colonel McKibben, who desired service in the Philippines.

#### Cattlemen Are Complying.

Topeka, June 11.—"If any of the cattlemen in Western Kansas are putting back the fences which they took down with my instructions," said Special Agent A. H. Burtis, "I don't know it. I propose to investigate the matter and the ones who are found guilty of such a trick will have to answer for it in the courts, for I shall have them arrested immediately. As a rule, the cattlemen are complying with the order promptly now and I don't apprehend much further trouble."

## COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS.

Kansas City.			
CATTLE—Heavy	5.00	@	5.00
HOGS—Choice heavy	5.80	@	5.80
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	88 1/2	@	89 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed	11.50	@	12.00
BARLEY—Choice timothy	9.75	@	10.00
BUTTER	13	@	14
EGGS	9	@	10

  

Chicago.			
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	71 1/4	@	72
CORN—No. 2	43	@	43 1/2
OATS—No. 2	28 1/4	@	28 1/2

  

St. Louis Live Stock.			
BEEVES	4.50	@	6.00
STOCKERS & FEEDERS	2.75	@	4.70
SOUTHERN STEERS	4.00	@	5.25

  

Cotton.			
LIVERPOOL	Uplands	Guft.	
NEW YORK	4.11-16.1	8 1/2	
GALVESTON	8 1/2	8 1/2	

  

Wichita Grain.			
WHEAT	Open	High	Low
July	73 1/2	73 1/2	72 1/2
Sept.	70 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2
CORN	43 1/2	43 1/2	43 1/2
July	44 1/2	44 1/2	44 1/2
Sept.	28	28 1/2	28
OATS	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
July	28 1/2	28 1/2	28 1/2
Sept.	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2

  

Wichita Live Stock.			
HOGS	5.55	@	5.75

  

Chicago Live Stock.			
GOOD TO PRIME	5.50	@	6.15
COWS & HEIFERS	2.63	@	5.15
STOCKERS & FEEDERS	3.00	@	4.00
TEXAS FED BEEVES	4.50	@	5.00
HOGS	5.95	@	6.00

## THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

The king and the people of Italy are disappointed. It is a girl.

Turkey has paid to France the balance of the Armenian massacre claims of France.

The Arkansas river irrigation case will come before the U. S. supreme court in October.

The census shows that the fisheries of the United States produce annually \$45,000,000 worth of food.

A fire in grain fields in California southwest of Los Bonos, destroyed 20,000 acres of grain and feed.

The property of Australians amounts to a greater per capita than does that of any other country on earth.

When the Duke of York was entertained at Sydney, Australia, the students sang "John Brown's Body."

The Southern Pacific employees are forbidden to have oil investments or to engage in any outside business.

Governor McSwain, of South Carolina, refused to accept the resignations of Senators Tillman and McLaurin.

Bishop Nicholson, of the Reformed Episcopal church, died at his home in Philadelphia on June 7, aged 79 years.

The proprietor of an illicit Oleomargarine factory in Chicago was fined \$10,000 and sentenced to six months in jail.

Floating rumor sets forth the terms of a lease to be given to the Union Pacific of the entire Santa Fe system. Bah!

The Statement of the London board of trade for May shows a decrease of £1,449,700 in imports and £1,159,200 in exports.

A Louisville, Ky., pigeon flew from Alligator Lake, Miss., to his home, a distance of 400 miles, in 9 hours and 41 minutes.

Cattlemen about Gunnison, Colo., made prisoners of sheep herders who brought sheep from Utah, and killed 2,500 of the sheep.

A special train of seven Pullman cars took railroad commissioners from 23 states to San Francisco. In the party were nearly 60 commissioners with their secretaries and a number of railroad officials.

The chief of the dairy division of the department of Agriculture, who has spent three months in Cuba and Porto Rico, calls up American cheese makers to get the cheese trade of these islands which is now supplied by Europe.

Twenty-five per cent of the young men examined for entrance to the military academy are disqualified on account of weak eyes.

The total cash receipts of the relief association of Jacksonville, Fla., up to May 16, was \$101,745. The number of people still being fed at that date was 3,158.

Many of the May strikes are already settled; some by concessions and some by surrender of demands. The prospect is fair for a general peace in labor matters.

The Western Passenger association voted against giving a one cent a mile rate to the G. A. R. encampment at Cleveland. It is thought the railroads will take individual action, the Central association having already authorized it.

After a continuous sleep of two years Michael Doran has been discharged from the Binghamton, N. Y., state hospital. His life was preserved by injections of liquid nourishment all of that time. He was for years afflicted with epilepsy.

The Missouri state board of charities have followed the lead of Kansas and decided to require parties who bring boys from the east into the state to give bond of \$3,000 each that no diseased or vicious children be brought into the state.

Dr. Goodman of Kansas City brought suit for \$150,000 damages against the father and brother of his wife, for giving him a terrible whipping. His lawyer is preparing another suit for \$150,000 against them for alienating his wife's affections.